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Date: July 26, 1948  
To: SAC, Washington Field  
From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY  
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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You are requested to conduct a thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, reputation and loyalty of the above-named individual. It will be necessary to furnish leads to auxiliary offices by teletype, but teletype summaries to the Bureau are not desired. The original and two copies of the reports are required.

Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 22, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948, should be followed in conducting this investigation.

This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted by August 10, 1948, Special Delivery, where proper, to reach the Bureau by August 10, 1948.

Address: 3213 28th St., SE, Wash., D.C.

Birth date: 4-20-09  
Birthplace: Angola, Ind.

Previous Residence: 3213 28th St., SE, '45 to '48.

References: J. P. Coyne, Consultant, Natl. Sec. Council, Wash., D.C.  
Robert A. Grant, House Off. Bldg., Wash., D.C.

Relative: Dorothy B. Yeagley, wife, Wash., D.C.

Include in your report a statement that the Bureau advised you that a search of the central files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with applicant was found.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gandy

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Education: Mich. Univ., '27 to '31 received BA degree.  
Mich. University School, '31 to '34, received LLB degree.

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SAC, Washington Field

Reference: Harry O'Connor, FBI, Detroit, Mich.

INDIANAPOLIS

Verify date and place of birth given above.

Education: Central, South Bend, Ind., H.S., dates not given.

Employment: Yeagley & Yeagley, South Bend, Ind., Partner, '34 to '42.

Previous Residence: 820 Pk. Ave., South Bend., Ind., '34 to '42.

References: J. Fred Bingham, Court House, South Bend, Ind.

Relatives: Mrs. J. G. Yeagley, mother, South Bend, Ind.  
Mrs. C. R. Oberlin, sister, South Bend., Ind.,

ALL OFFICES

Previous Residence: Constant Travel Status, F.B.I., '42 to '45.

Relative: Mrs. Ernest Bergan, Sr., sister, Mex. City, Mex.

Applicant states on Special foreign assignment, F.B.I.

Relatives residing in Foreign Countries, Mrs. Ernest Bergan, Sr., Mex. City, Mex.

This applicant is identical with the applicant in the following files:

WFO 67-17227

Indianapolis 67-1518

Detroit 67-2513

No copies of previous reports will be furnished ECA. Therefore, information in these files should be fully utilized. Thereafter the necessary investigation should be conducted to bring this matter to date.

This applicant is a former Bureau employee. A statement regarding his employment will be furnished ECA by the Bureau.

All offices will conduct neighborhood investigations in those localities where the applicant has been known to reside to determine the loyalty, character, and reputation of the applicant. Determine reputation and standing in community of immediate relative through such sources as credit agencies, law enforcement agencies, informants, etc.

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ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION  
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION  
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 110, PUBLIC LAW 472, 80th CONGRESS

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abbreviations of full name are not acceptable)		MR <del>XXXX</del> JOHN	(First)	WALTER	(Middle)	YEAGLEY	(Maiden, if any)	(Last)			
2. PLACE OF BIRTH Angola, Indiana		DATE OF BIRTH 4-20-09			PLACE OF NATURALIZATION						
3. CITIZEN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF NATURALIZED: DATE OF NATURALIZATION									
4. EDUCATION (Circle highest grade completed): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 (12) MARK (X) THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF: <input type="checkbox"/> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL					(A) GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED Central - South Bend, Indiana (B) SUBJECTS STUDIED IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH APPLY TO POSITION DESIRED Pol. Sci. - History						
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7. REFERENCES: LIST FIVE PERSONS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU AND WHO HAVE DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND FITNESS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. DO NOT REPEAT NAMES OF SUPERVISORS.

FULL NAME	PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS (Give complete current address, including street and number)	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION
John Edgar Hoover	F.B.I., Washington, D.C.	Director, F.B.I.
J. P. Coyne	Consultant, National Security Council, Wash., D.C.	Consultant
<i>Indianapolis</i> Fred Bingham	Court House South Bend, Indiana	Judge
Robert A. Grant	House Office Bldg., Wash.	Congressman
<i>Detroit</i> Harry O'Connor	F.B.I., Detroit, Mich.	Spec. Agent in Charge

## 8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
Dorothy B. Yeagley	Wife	Washington, D.C.
<i>Indianapolis</i> Mrs. J. G. Yeagley	Mother	South Bend, Ind.
Mrs. C. R. Oberlin	Sister	South Bend, Ind.
<i>all off</i> Mrs. Ernest Bergan, Sr.	Sister	Mexico City, Mexico

## 9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

Indiana Bar Association

10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE? (B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION? (C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?	YES	NO.
		X
(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE		DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS
BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.)		SERIAL NO. (if none, give grade or rating at time of separation)

## 11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

Special foreign assignment, F.B.I.

## 12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

NAME	ADDRESS
Mrs. Ernest Bergan, Sr.	Mexico City, Mexico

DATE

SIGNATURE

*John Walter Yeagley*

ECA Form 35  
(5-12-48)

# REQUEST FOR RECORD CHECK CLEARANCE

USA  
ECA

This form is to be used for *applicants* for employment where "Record or Spot Check" clearance is desired from the FBI and the Civil Service Commission.

6/30/48

*Aug 1948*

Name	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Maiden, if any)
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1.	YEAGLEY	J.	Walker	
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Date of birth (Month, day, year)

Place of birth

2.	April 20, 1909	
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Angola, Indiana

Address (Street and number, city and State)

3.	3213 - 28th St., S.E., Wash., D.C.
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For use by Agency when reporting results of record check.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

INDPLS. FILE NO. 124-36

REPORT MADE AT <b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-14-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-9-12-48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES L. WERELEY ech</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Birth records of DR. W. H. LANE verify birth and place of JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY, and the following persons were contacted with reference to JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY. MR. W. H. LANE, CALVIN C. CARLIN, and RAYMOND E. WILLIS. All favorable. The applicant has not resided at South Bend since 1942 at which time he was considered to be a brilliant, reliable, honest, trustworthy, loyal, patriotic, man of outstanding moral character. He was at that time a member of the law firm of YEAGLEY & YEAGLEY which bore an excellent reputation. This firm no longer exists. The records of the South Bend Police Department reflect one traffic violation in 1939; no disposition. According to the records of the South Bend Credit Bureau, the applicant paid a fine of \$2.00 for traffic violation in 1941. No verification of this could be made at the South Bend Police Department. The applicant's immediate family enjoy an excellent reputation and are respected in the community as a conservative, well educated loyal American family. Applicant's brother-in-law, ERNEST BERGAN, was born in Mexico, and entered this country with passport number 160619, dated February 9, 1920.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file number 124-652  
Bureau letter to Washington Field dated July 26, 1948.

**DETAILS:** AT ANGOLA, INDIANA

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DR. W. H. LANE who has the birth records of persons born in the city limits of Angola, Indiana, produced records that showed that JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY was born in Angola, Indiana, on April 20, 1909, the attending Doctor being KNIGHT KISSINGER and the father's name was JOHN G. YEAGLEY, an attorney in Angola, Indiana. at the time DR. LANE stated that he remembers the YEAGLEY family and

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that they were reputable citizens, of good character and associates reputable.

CALVIN C. CARLIN of Angola, Indiana, is the Circuit Judge in Steuben County. He stated that he knew JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY, and had known him since the day he was born. He stated that he knew the whole YEAGLEY family and that he would say they were 100% loyal Americans and not a blemish on their reputation, and their associates were only top ranking citizens. There was nothing derogatory about them that he knew of.

RAYMOND E. WILLIS, Angola, Indiana, who is a Senator of the state of Indiana, stated that he had known the YEAGLEY family for many years and that he could only say the best for them. He stated that they were good loyal American citizens, with a very good reputation and very good associates. He knew of nothing derogatory concerning the family.

There was no record at the Angola, Indiana Police Department or Sheriff's Office of the applicant.

#### AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Reference J. FRED BINGHAM could not be contacted as he is out of town and will not return until August 20, 1948.

MISS BETTY CLAEYS, Clerk, South Bend Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised that their records reflect that J. WALTER YEAGLEY had been investigated by them for credit reasons and was found to be from a good reliable family and had always been a man making excellent pay. The last inquiry they had received on him was December 1944 from Albany, New York. They had not had a South Bend address for the applicant since 1942.

JAMES E. KEATING, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that the applicant had not resided in South Bend since about 1942, but that he had kept in contact with him. MR. KEATING stated that the applicant was an outstanding attorney when he was in South Bend and that he considered him to be very trustworthy and a loyal American citizen.

The writer examined the records of the South Bend Police Department, which reflect that the applicant was arrested once on May 19, 1939, for parking on the sidewalk. There was no disposition of this case.

The following information was obtained in 1942 when the applicant had been investigated in regard to another position. In view of the fact that the applicant had not lived in this community since that time it will be considered adequate.

HARRY POINTER, Principal of South Bend High School exhibited records which reflected that the applicant was born April 20, 1909, at Angola, Indiana. He entered Central High School January 8, 1924, and was graduated June 9, 1927.

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The applicant was enrolled in the college preparatory course and was graduated with a general average of "B plus". The applicant's attendance record was excellent and it was further indicated that his teachers considered him to be a neat, well behaved, apt pupil. MR. POINTER advised that he was a personal friend of the applicant and stated that the applicant was a man who was admired in the community for his intelligence, honesty, reliability, trustworthiness, loyalty, and legal brilliance.

MRS. MARIE SNIJECKI, Clerk in the St. Joseph County Clerk's Office, advised that the applicant was admitted to the Indiana State Bar on August 1, 1934.

MR. ROLAND OBENCHAIN, vice president of the St. Joseph County Bar Association, and a partner in the law firm of JONES, OBENCHAIN & BUTLER, advised that the applicant was the youngest president of the St. Joseph County Bar Association, and that both he and the firm with which he was associated, were highly respected in the community for its honesty and integrity.

MRS. E. FISHER, 810 Park Avenue, advised that she had known the applicant ever since he was a little boy. She considered the applicant to be an honest, reliable, intelligent, loyal and patriotic American whom she knew to take a drink, but whom she had never seen drink to excess. She stated that he mingled with fine associates of a clean cut type and she had never known him to be in any trouble whatsoever. She stated that the entire YEAGLEY family was a fine conservative American family.

MRS. G. H. CRAVEN, 801 Park Avenue, advised that she had known the YEAGLEY family for over 35 years and she considers the parents and the children to be a stellar example of American Family life. She stated that they are conservative, religious, loyal and patriotic Americans, and that she does not know anything derogatory about any member of the YEAGLEY family.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 124-77

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/12/48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/6,9,10/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. MAYFIELD</b> <b>JC</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Education verified University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY received AB Degree June, 1931 and LLB Degree June, 1934. YEAGLEY a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at University of Michigan. Instructors and Assistant Dean are not able to recall YEAGLEY personally. Neighborhood favorable. Reference H. T. O'CONNOR, Detroit, Michigan, advises nothing derogatory developed during period of observation. Regards as good, loyal American. No credit or criminal record, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Washington Field July 26, 1948

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**DETAILS:**

Mrs. MAYME SWISHER, Receptionist, Alumni Catalog Office, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, produced records which reflected that JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY entered the University of Michigan on September 14, 1927 and received AB Degree in June of 1931. He thereafter enrolled in the University Law School on September 26, 1931 and received an LLB Degree in 1934.

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While in attendance at the University Literary School YEAGLEY received a grade average of "C" and while in the law school maintained an above average grade of "C plus".

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The files further reflected YEAGLEY was born April 20, 1909 at Angola, Indiana. His father was given as JOHN GEORGE YEAGLEY, a lawyer, in business in South Bend, Indiana. His home address was 828 Park Avenue, South Bend, Indiana.

The files of the Alumni Catalog Office failed to reflect YEAGLEY's membership in any campus organization except that of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Mr. W. B. REA, Associate Dean of Students, University Hall, University of Michigan Campus, searched his records against YEAGLEY's name, which failed to reflect that YEAGLEY was a member of any political organization while a student at the University of Michigan. Mr. REA advised that he did not recall YEAGLEY personally, but that if he belonged to any campus organization it would be reflected in his file.

Miss CATHERINE MURRAY, Recorder, University of Michigan Law School, produced YEAGLEY's record which reflected that he entered the Law School in September, 1931 and maintained a "C plus" average while attending Law School. He received his LLB Degree in June of 1934.

Professor PAUL A. LEDY, Secretary of the Law School, advised that he recalled YEAGLEY only slightly, but stated that from a review of his records in the files it was his opinion that YEAGLEY's law school record was far better than his college work and was entirely satisfactory from a scholarship standpoint. He stated further that the files failed to contain any derogatory information regarding YEAGLEY, and that his conduct was apparently satisfactory.

Dean BLYTHE STASSON, Dean of Law School, University of Michigan Campus, advised that he did not recall YEAGLEY while he was a student at the University. He stated he could furnish no information regarding him other than that which appeared in the files.

Miss INEZ L. BOZORTH, Director, Lawyers Club, advised that YEAGLEY was in residence at the Lawyers Club while a student in the Law School. She advised that he was of good moral character and a very well liked individual while in attendance at the Law School.

Mr. GUY WOOD, Cashier of the Lawyers Club, stated he recalled YEAGLEY as a very fine young fellow whom he liked very much. He stated he was "a regular guy" and the kind of a person he would like to have work for him. Mr. WOOD stated he knew of no trouble in which YEAGLEY had ever been involved and that his character and morals were very satisfactory.

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Mrs. ANNA EXINGER, 515 South Fifth Avenue, stated that she could not recall YEAGLEY while he was in residence at her house. However, she advised that she has never had any boys in residence who were not of a high-character and reputation.

Mr. W. B. REA, Associate Dean of Students, advised that YEAGLEY formerly resided at the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at 1315 Hill Street, but that no records are presently available regarding YEAGLEY.

Mrs. ELOYS C. MEITY, 617 Forest Avenue, a former address of YEAGLEY while he attended the University of Michigan, advised that this address was formerly owned by Mrs. WINIFRED MONK who is no longer in the vicinity of Ann Arbor. She advised she did not know YEAGLEY while he attended the University of Michigan.

Mr. HARRY T. O'CONNOR, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Michigan, advised that YEAGLEY was assigned to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for about six months during 1942, working under his supervision while he was the Special Agent in Charge of that office. He advised YEAGLEY conducted his assignments in a very satisfactory manner and impressed him as a good, loyal American at all times. He stated nothing derogatory was developed during the period of observation and contact.

The records of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau failed to reflect the name of JOHN WALTER YEAGLEY.

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FILE NO. 124-621

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-26-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-6, 11, 12-48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EVERETT W. NELSON</b> <span style="float: right;">njt</span>
TITLE <b>JOHN WALTER YLAGLEY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Previous investigation - references, Major JOSEPH A. AVLEY, THOMAS PATH, Congressman ROBERT A. GRANT, HOWARD C. PETERSEN, and Senator RAYMOND WILLIS, favorable. Residence at 3903 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., only short visit; not known to neighbors. Employment with ECA verified and favorable. Reference J. P. COYNE highly recommends applicant. Neighborhood at 3213 28th Street, S. E., verified and favorable. No record of applicant or wife at MPD or IGUA. CSC has no record on the applicant, and the Credit Bureau has no record of local credit. Central files FBI negative re loyalty of applicant.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file No. 124-652  
Bureau letter dated July 26, 1948

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted of the applicant in 1942:

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REFERENCES

Major JOSEPH A. AVERY of the Judge Advocate General's Office, Munitions Building, stated that he has known the applicant for a good many years and is well acquainted with him, as well as with his family background. Major AVERY stated that the applicant's father is a well known practicing lawyer in South Bend, Indiana, of excellent standing in the community, and well known for his civic interests. Major AVERY states that the applicant's father is an excellent lawyer, having been retained in various important cases.

Concerning the applicant, Major AVERY said that he possesses an excellent personality and is a good mixer, having a physical appearance which is also pleasing. Concerning his physical abilities, Major AVERY said that he did not think that the applicant was particularly athletically inclined although he was well built and seemed physically fit. However, he stated that the applicant did wear glasses, and his eyes may possibly be below standard. Major AVERY stated that the applicant has very lately been elected as the president of the St. Joe (Indiana) County Bar Association, which is unusual because of his age.

Concerning the morals, character, and integrity of the applicant, Major AVERY said that these were all of uniform excellence and continued that he knew of no other young lawyer to whom he would want to give as high a recommendation in this respect as YEAGLEY. Major AVERY pointed out that shortly after war was declared, the applicant was possessed with the urge to find himself something to do for his country, and as a result, came to Washington with a desire to get a commission in either the Army or the Navy. He was unable to get a commission in the Army due to the fact that the Army is taking no legal talent at this time, and Major AVERY did not know definitely why applicant was not able to get into the Navy.

THOMAS BATH, Secretary to Congressman ROBERT A. GRANT of Indiana, was interviewed in the House Office Building where he is employed. BATH stated that he had known the applicant since their school days when they both attended the South Bend schools, where they were very good friends. BATH stated that the applicant was popular in school, having friends among all types of students and being a good mixer and a friend to everybody, although he was from the "upper crust" of South Bend. BATH seemed especially warm on this point, as he described himself to have come from "the other side of the tracks", and had yet been a warm personal friend of the applicant.

BATH continued that the applicant's father is a prominent South Bend lawyer who possesses an excellent reputation. The family is considered very highly in South Bend, and they are well known for their civic-mindedness. He stated that the applicant, as well as the family, are all noted for their high integrity and morals; and he continued that the applicant, although he might take a social drink once in awhile, was certainly not a man who would be found to have excesses in this matter. BATH stated that the applicant has an excellent personality and is a very good mixer. As an example of this, he pointed to the fact that YEAGLEY has within the past few weeks been elected president of the St. Joe County Bar Association. BATH added that he is very young for such a position, but that he is popular enough with all the groups and well enough thought of by them to have achieved this honor.

As an interesting sidelight, BATH states that the applicant showed the fact that he has the courage of his convictions because upon his election as president of the Bar Association, he openly stated when accepting the position that he had been elected because the younger members of the Association felt that certain changes were needed and that they proposed to have their chance to make them. BATH also pointed out the fact that the applicant is politically active in the Republican circles of St. Joe County, although he has promised his father that he would never run for any office so long as the father is living. BATH states, however, that because of the personality and ability of the applicant, he is already a force in the Republican politics of his county.

Regarding the appearance of applicant, BATH stated that YEAGLEY is tall, although not particularly rugged. He is interested in most sports and indulges in quite a bit of golf and sailing. BATH stated that the applicant wears glasses at all times.

Regarding the patriotism of applicant, the reference said that this was certainly a strong point in his favor, as shortly after the outbreak of the war, YEAGLEY had come to Washington with the definite intention of finding some way in which he could serve his country in this emergency. He was unable to make connections with the Army or Navy, and at the advice of Congressman GRANT and other of his friends, had made an application to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. BATH continued that the applicant and his whole family are of very patriotic leanings. BATH stated that he felt that this was a very good point in applicant's favor due to the fact that he is over the immediate draft age of twenty-eight.

and because of his father's present ill health, it is doubtful whether he would be subject to the draft for quite some time to come. Mr. BATH did not know what organizations outside of the political affiliations the applicant was connected with, although he may be a member of the Elks and probably was a fraternity man in school. Neither did Mr. BATH know what the applicant's scholastic aptitude was in University although he considers YEAGLEY to be intelligent and probably at least in the upper half of his class. In conclusion, Mr. BATH stated that applicant, unlike so many other people at this time, had come to Washington saying that he was asking for advice as to how to help, rather than asking for help and political pull to get him something soft.

Mr. BATH stated that although Congressman GRANT had not been stated as a reference, he knew that Mr. GRANT would be very anxious to say a word in behalf of the applicant.

Congressman ROBERT A. GRANT (Indiana) stated that the applicant comes from a fine family, his father being a prominent South Bend lawyer. Concerning the applicant personally, Congressman GRANT stated that he can give him the finest recommendation concerning character, morals, integrity, and patriotism. GRANT continued that the applicant was most anxious to find some way to be of service during the war and that he personally had advised YEAGLEY that he could be of such service by joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. GRANT explained that during the two weeks that YEAGLEY was in town, he had resided with Congressman GRANT at 3903 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E.

It was noted in the reference letter that this address was given for the applicant, and no neighbors were found who knew YEAGLEY in this vicinity. This is of course explained by the fact that he was visiting with Congressman GRANT.

Mr. HOWARD C. PETERSEN, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of War, stated that he had known the applicant during the time the two of them attended the University of Michigan Law School. PETERSEN described applicant as personable and intelligent. He did not believe the applicant received any scholastic honors in Michigan, but he considered him probably to be in the upper half of his class and well liked by his fellow lawyers in the Michigan Law School. PETERSEN said that he knows definitely the applicant comes from a good family, as the applicant's father is an outstanding lawyer in northern Indiana. PETERSEN said that the applicant, upon trying to get a commission in the Navy, was



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unable to do so because his eyes would not come up to the rigid Navy standard. PETERSEN concluded by saying that he could give the applicant the highest recommendation.

Senator RAYMOND WILLIS of Indiana stated that he has known applicant practically all of his life and knows him and his family to be of the highest rating concerning character, morals, and integrity. Senator WILLIS stated that when the applicant had come to Washington recently in order to find himself a place in the national defense picture that he had offered him a position as his chief secretary, but that YEAGLEY had declined to accept this inasmuch as he wished to get some work more closely allied with actual defense effort. Senator WILLIS stated that the patriotism of the applicant and his family is unquestioned and that on all counts, he can give the applicant the highest recommendation.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. ESTELLE BARBER, 3901 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Mr. JOHN MALLOY, United States postal carrier No. 326, whose route covers the reference address, and Mr. WILLIAM LAUMAN, 2001 37th Avenue, S. E., resident agent for the Fairfax Village Apartments were all interviewed with negative results concerning the applicant. Mr. LAUMAN stated that the two apartments at the reference address were occupied by Congressman GRANT of Indiana and another Congressman and that possibly the applicant in question was merely visiting at one of these places. It will be noted in the interview of Congressman GRANT that this was the case.

The remainder of this investigation was conducted in August, 1948:

#### EMPLOYMENT

Personnel files at the Economic Cooperation Administration reflected that J. WALTER YEAGLEY had been appointed as a Consultant in the Security Division on June 28, 1948. This appointment had been canceled July 24, 1948, at which time he was re-appointed as Director of the Division of Investigation which position he now holds. All employment is satisfactory and no derogatory information was noted in the file.



WALTER L. RHINEHART, Deputy Director of the Personnel Division, Economic Cooperation Administration, advised that Mr. YEAGLEY's duty had been highly satisfactory, and that he was a man of commendable character, loyalty and reputation. He further stated that the applicant showed unusual ability in his work and had taken extremely deep interest in the job which he was doing.

#### REFERENCES

J. P. GOYNE, Consultant with the National Security Council, Washington, D. C., stated he had known the applicant since 1944, and had worked quite closely with him in the Internal Security Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for over a year, and that he had recommended Mr. YEAGLEY to the Economic Cooperation Administration. He considered the applicant to be thoroughly American, a mature, well educated, industrious, and extremely competent man and qualified for the position which he now holds at ECA. He advised that he would give him an unqualified recommendation for the position.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

At 3213 28th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Mr. BRONSON PRICE, Apartment 1, stated that he had lived next door to the applicant since the Summer of 1945. He said he considered the applicant to be of good character and had never been given a reason to doubt his loyalty or patriotism to the Government, although at the present time they were not on the friendliest of terms due to an argument they had over a year ago. Mr. PRICE stated that the argument arose due to a misunderstanding between Mrs. YEAGLEY and himself whereupon Mr. YEAGLEY had spoken quite harsh words and the matter had been forgotten shortly thereafter. At the present time they were neighborly but do not associate in a social way.

Mrs. DOROTHY KAHM, Apartment 3, advised she had been acquainted with the YEAGLEYS for two and a half years, and although not associating with them very often socially, considered them to be very friendly, of excellent character, and about the nicest people in the entire neighborhood. She advised that they were very quiet, sincere, and considerate of others living near-by. She further advised that she was certain of their loyalty to the United States, and that they had never caused any trouble in the neighborhood as far as she knew.

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JAMES PROCTOR, Janitor, stated that he knew the YEAGLEYS only by sight and was not well acquainted with them. However, he advised that they were people of the highest type, and as far as he knew they were of good character and loyalty.

At 3209 28th Street, S. E.

Mrs. L. K. FOSTER, Apartment 1, advised she had known the YEAGLEY family for a little over a year and a half, and that they were the nicest people she had ever been acquainted with. She advised that they were of the highest character and extremely loyal, and enjoyed an excellent reputation in that vicinity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

There was no file on the applicant in the records of the Metropolitan Police Department, House Committee on Un-American Activities or the Civil Service Commission, Investigative Division.

The Credit Bureau reports no local credit record.

A search through the central files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with the applicant was found.

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